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Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I know why the sanction of the Governor has not been given to my Bill though it is nearly a year since I asked for it ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Probably sanction of the Governor is not necessary. That is all I can say at present, Sir."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" Will the hon. the Law Member look into the matter ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Yes, Sir, certainly."

Forests

Appointment of a committee to enquire into forest grievances.

* 1797 Q.—Mr. MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have decided to appoint a committee to enquire into the forest grievances ; and

(b) if not, what action they are going to take regarding the resolution passed in the Council recommending the appointment of such a committee ?

A.—(a) & (b) The matter is still under consideration.

Mr. MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB :—" May I know, Sir, whether orders will be passed on the matter at least by the end of this year ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Yes, Sir, as I have said several times, I shall certainly settle the question after the budget discussion is over."

Inland Waterways

Restrictions on vessels plying for hire in the Godavari river.

* 1798 Q.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state, with reference to answer given to question No. 1248 on 1st February 1929, whether the Government have imposed or propose to impose proper restrictions with reference to the seaworthiness and capacity of the plyers to secure safety to passengers ?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answers given to clause (b) of his question No. 1242 on 31st January 1929.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government intend to safeguard the safety of the passengers from one place to another alongside the river, i.e., not merely of persons crossing the river in boats but alongside the river ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I do not quite understand what the Member means. If he means along the river, the answer is, 'Yes'."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May I know, Sir, whether the application of the Canals and Ferries Act refer to passengers along the river ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" At present, the Government is under the impression that it will."